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THE SECRETARY'S STAFF MEETING, 9:15 a.m. (attendance attached)

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11. Berlin

Mr. Merchant summarized the activities of the US Working Group on contingency planning and said that a memorandum would be coming up on this subject. Responding to the Secretary, Mr. Merchant said the Germans were being kept informed. Mr. Murphy called attention to his conversation with Grewe. In connection with the agreed tripartite position of our representatives in Berlin, the Secretary and Mr. Murphy suggested taking a line that we did not favor airlift as this might encourage the Communists to impose a blockade. Mr. Merchant summarized the arguments on the other side. It was left that this matter would be discussed further before the press conference.